

## Soil, Food

Need to switch to a more vegetarian diet since the meat industry requires vastly more soil resources to feed people. Stats: animal agriculture causes 40% emissions, 9 trillions gals fed to animals in CA, 20 lbs of grain required to produce 1 lb of meat.

Need to grow more local vegetables in regenerative ways.

Soil is living, full of living beings, we must nurture and honor them.

Need more communal gardens, pea-patches.

Feeding people is bot a matter of body and soul, need to connect with the land.

Growing things communally, together for food security and nutrition.

Whidbey has poor soil, making it more precious.

We must not poison the soil, harvest native plants (requiring fewer chemicals) for food, need the insects.

Protect soil health for future generations using sustainable and regenerative methods.

Preserving wildlife and wildlife habitat helps the soil.

Stewardship of soil for the commons.

## Water

Need to educate people on usage efficiency.

Comp Plan population 1% in model is too low, gives inaccurate prediction of water availability.

Aquifer pollution needs to be better monitored.

Need to lobby to get more data on aquifers.

Need better education in general on water.

## Governance

Needs to be participatory and relevant.

Decentralize to neighborhoods.

Governance must be based on communal ownership.

## Forests

How people are experiencing forests as a commons: ecosystem services, recharging aquifer, clean air and soil, wildlife and insect habitat.

Change ordnances around clearcutting, regenerative farming.

Common good flows from healthy forests.

Maintain forests, they are essential as they support all life.

How to get people to preserve and expand: media, town halls, arts orgs, conference, community leaders.

## **Waste**

It is both too convenient to put things in the garbage, and on Whidbey many items (e.g. food, plastics) have no convenient and ecological means of recycling.

Island County prohibits using greywater in the home.

Plastics cannot be recycled.

Need to pay people to recycle to provide more incentive.

Need more education around discarding various materials.

Join the composting meeting 2nd Monday of the month (see WCA calendar).

## **Social, Culture Community**

To promote: community gatherings, relationships, learning, less is more - simplicity, music.

Participation weaves the web of community.

Show up and invite people, other organizations.

Showing up creates culture, and is the basis of trust.

Trust comes from knowing each other.

Turn stickiness of our connection here into more opportunities to create connections among folks.

We create culture by what we do to foster what we want to become and invite others to enter.

Global perspective: human problems = dominant industrial culture.

Create overlaps from one group to another.